

CGIAR Site Integration for Mali: National Consultation Workshop

Date: 01-02 March 2016, Venue: Bamako, Mali

1. Background and context

The Consortium of the Consultative Group of International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) is a partnership of 15 centers/organizations addressing agricultural research for development worldwide. The CGIAR centers has launched the 2nd generation of Consortium Research Programs (CRPIIs), a portfolio of integrated research agendas to more effectively contribute to the objectives and targets set by the Strategic Results Framework of CGIAR.

Previously, research sites have been picked independently by Centers for CRPs work in countries. The Consortium has suggested that an overall review, and rationalization of the number, location, and scale of the field sites in a country from a national and CGIAR system perspective is highly desirable. The CGIAR system would have more impact and be more efficient if it worked, thought, coordinated and collaborated more like a system, rather than 15 separate, independent organizations. A key dimension in the increased integration across the CRPs will focus on improving coordination and collaboration within selected geographies. The increased integration across the CRPIIs for improving coordination and collaboration within selected geographies, termed '[Site Integration](#)' (**CGIAR Country Collaboration**) will largely take place at country level and, as appropriate, within specific field research sites with a clear mechanism to produce outcomes in line with National agriculture development priorities.

Twenty site integration countries have been identified for two levels of site integration:

- **Site Integration+:** This entails efforts for improved coordination, collaboration with CRPIIs and the national actors and stakeholders. This involves a larger set of countries including: Burkina Faso, Ghana, Mali, Niger, Cameroon, DR Congo, India, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Nepal, Rwanda, , Uganda, and Zambia.
- **Site Integration++:** In smaller set of countries, an added effort will be piloted to demonstrate what the Consortium, CRPIIs and Centers can achieve as a collective action in collaboration with national actors and stakeholders. These countries are: Ethiopia, Nigeria, Tanzania, Bangladesh, Vietnam and Nicaragua.

Mali has been identified as one of the priority countries for Site Integration+. A Steering Committee (SC) consisting of representatives of all CGIAR Centers and CRPs operating in Mali should be driving the country collaboration process. The International Crop Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) has been assigned the coordination responsibility for the planning, and the organization of the National Consultation for Mali. Given the urgency that this should take place before the end of first quarter 2016, a two-day National Consultation Workshop would be held in Bamako from 01st-02nd March, 2016 with the representatives from the CG centers, CRPIIs, national actors and key stakeholders in the agricultural sector including regional and sub-regional organizations as well as key donor institutions.

2. Objectives

The major objectives of the National Consultation Workshop will be to:

- i) **Develop Site Integration Plan** so as to bring together the work of CGIAR Centers and programs in. This will lead to a joint plan to support research activities aimed at increasing the efficiency of research investment throughout the country. Site integration plan will identify high priority or focus sites that jointly:
 - a. Represent a reasonable selection of agro-eco and farming systems, and target populations.
 - b. Are reasonably aligned with national government development priorities.
 - c. Represent a common problem with solution elements delivered by multiple CRPs.
 - d. Offer an opportunity to go to scale.
- ii) **Devise plans for assessing impact**, whereby CRPs will consult with representatives of partners and beneficiary groups in Mali where they aim to deliver outcomes at scale,
- iii) **Develop coordination mechanisms of the CRPs** with each other to ensure that, in key geographies, CRP activities are aligned for maximum impact. The CRPs' collective, coordinated commitments in these geographies will be summarized in site integration plan to enable transparent interaction with local stakeholders.
- iv) **Establish mechanisms for joint sharing of information and development** of the knowledge base that will underpin the dissemination of best practices in institutional development, policy development and capacity building for agricultural research.

3. Process of the consultation workshop



The intent is to have CGIAR coordinate and collaborate with a single plan to engage with partners in Mali, and design a single plan to show how to best integrate with each country. The national consultation process through the consultation workshop will provide an avenue for the CG centres and CRPs to:

1. Engage with and listen to national partners and stakeholders towards learning and understanding their priorities and their planned actions for the CGIAR centers and programs to align, support and partner with respectively;
2. Understand the overall goals and targets for the country and how various groups are contributing to this-including how CGIAR presence (in a collective way) can contribute to this;
3. Share and discuss what the CGIAR presence in the country will be able to offer in the pathway towards the agricultural development goals of the country in both research and other enablers such as capacity strengthening and development, policy engagement etc.
4. Discuss and plan how CGIAR may be able to work together more with the partners and
5. Understand how the integrated efforts of CGIAR can complement those of other partners in the country and national programs to contribute towards the country level development goals.

4. Expected use of Site integration plan by the CRPs

The CRPIs full proposals will need to show how CRPs will work together (as set out in detailed CRP Site Integration Plan) in Mali and in alignment with national priorities and activities. Site integration plan will be rolled out at the country level and used to help CGIAR Centres and CRPs work together to create larger scale impact.

5. Tentative Workshop Agenda

Session 1: Opening Session

Session 2: Introductions

Session 3: Scene-setting focusing on the background as well as the current and planned CGIAR activities: Overview presentation + 3 minutes pitch from the CRPs

Session 4: Status of Country Goals and Agenda, preferably from lead ministries

Session 5: Integration principles

Session 6: Opportunities for integration and prioritization in Mali

Session 7: Funding mechanisms

Session 8: Tracking progress and impact of the integration

Session 9: Governance and coordination

Session 10: Wrap up

Detail Workshop Agenda is presented below:

	FRENCH	ENGLISH
	MARDI, 1^{ER} MARS 2016	TUESDAY, MARCH 1ST 2016
0830 0900	Arrivée et enregistrement des participants	Arrival and registration
0900 0930	SESSION A1 – Ouverture Et Mots De Bienvenue (Ramadjita Tabo, Directeur Regional, ICRISAT-WCA ; Bourema Dembele, Directeur General – IER ; David Yanggen, Chef d’équipe- USAID)	SESSION A1 - Welcome And Opening Statements (Ramadjita Tabo, Regional Director-ICRISAT WCA; Bourema Dembele, Director General, IER; David Yanggen- Team LeaderUSAID)
0930 1000	SESSION A2 – Introduction, Attentes Et Processus (Facilitateur)	SESSION A2 - Introduction, Expectations And Process (Facilitator)
1000 1030	PAUSE CAFÉ (Group Photo)	COFFEE BREAK (Group Photo)
1030	SESSION 2 – STATUT ACTUEL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pourquoi sommes nous ici? (Birhanu Zemadim, ICRISAT) Le CGIAR Au Mali: Que se passe-t-il? Ou? Par Qui? (Birhanu Zemadim, Robert Zougmore, ICRISAT) Programme National ARD (IER) Plénière: Vers une interprétation collective du statut actuel (facilitateur) 	SESSION 2 – Current Status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why we are here (Birhanu Zemadim, ICRISAT) CGIAR In Mali: What is happening? Where? By Whom? (Birhanu Zemadim and Robert Zougmore, ICRISAT) National ARD agenda (IER) Plenary: Towards a common understanding of current status (Facilitator)
1300	PAUSE DEJEUNER	LUNCH BREAK
1400	SESSION 3 - Divergences et opportunités pour une mise en œuvre intégrée (Travaux de groupes)	SESSION3 – Gaps and opportunities for integrated implementation (Group work)
	SESSION 4 – Définition et principes pour la sélection des sites et du travail collaboratif	SESSION 4 – Definition and principles for site selection and work integration
1600	PAUSE CAFÉ	COFFEE BREAK
1630	SESSION 4 – SUITE	SESSION 4 – CONTINUED
1700	Fin de la journée	Close of the day
	STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING	STERING COMMITTEE MEETING
	MERCREDI, 2 MARS 2016	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2ND, 2016
0830	Plans immédiats et résumé du jour 1 (Facilitateur)	Overnight Thoughts And Recap Of Day 1 (Facilitator)
	SESSION 5 - Aspects pratiques de collaboration: comment cela va se faire de manière différente (Panel Facilitateur + Agathe) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.1 – Les mécanismes d’approvisionnement : qui va financer ARD au Mali? quelles (nouvelles) opportunités et options? 	SESSION 5 – Operational aspects of integration : how this will be done differently (Panel Facilitator + Agathe) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.1 – Resourcing mechanisms – who is funding ARD in Mali? What (new) opportunities and options?
1000	PAUSE CAFÉ Constitution des groupes de travail	COFFEE BREAK Group formation
	5.2 – Suivi du progrès et évaluation de l’impact (Birhanu Zemadim, Hippolyte Affognon,ICRISAT, Facilitateur) 5.3 – Communications/interactions/échanges (Agathe Dama, ICRISAT) 5.4 – Organisation de la gouvernance et de la coordination (IER)	5.2 – Progress Tracking And Impact Assessment (Birhanu Zemadim, Hippolyte Affognon, ICRISAT + Facilitator) 5.3 – Communications (Agathe Dama, ICRISAT) 5.4 – Governance Structure And Coordination (IER)
	SESSION 5 – SUITE	SESSION 5 – CONTINUED
	SESSION 6 - Etapes suivantes, évaluation et clôture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Etapes suivantes : d’un cadre de collaboration à une stratégie (Facilitateur) 	SESSION 6 – Next steps, evaluation and close <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next steps: from an integration framework to a plan (Facilitator)
1600	PAUSE CAFÉ	COFFEE BREAK
1630	SESSION 6 – SUITE	SESSION 6 – CONTINUED
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation et cloture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation and close